

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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PREVENTION OF T.B.

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether T.B. is detected in some sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent the spread of T.B. in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI N. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b):T.B. is detected in all sections of society.

(c): To control TB, National TB Control Programme was launched in the country in 1962.The programme is integrated with primary Health Care and implemented through a network of 447 District TB Centres and 330 TB Clinics which provide diagnosis and treatment facilities free of cost including free supply of Anti TB drugs to TB patients.To reduce the duration of treatment, Short Course Chemotherapy has also been introduced in 292 districts of which another 203 districts having a population of 447 million are being strengthened to prepare them to adopt revised strategy at a later date. This revised strategy of DOTS under the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme(RNTCP) with the objectives of 70% detection and 85% cure is covering around 140 million population today and is to be extended to 250 million during this year.